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SUBJECT:JULY 28 EA PRESS SUMMARY

, HOLBROOKE TESTIMONY AT WOLFF CMTE

EA ASSISTSEC TOLD CMTE WEDNESDAY THAT SRV EXPECTED DELIVER
IN NEXT 2 MONTHS 22 MORE BODIES OF AMERICANS LISTED BY
VIETS DURING LAST MONTH'S PARIS TALKS; ALSO EXPRESSED
HOPE ADDITIONAL NAMES MAY BE FORTHCOMING. HOLBROOKE
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ARGUED THAT ADMIN'S DECISION NOT OPPOSE HANOI'S ENTRY
UN HAS NOT HURT EFFORTS TO ACCOUNT FOR MIA'S; SAID
WOODCOCK'S RECENT VN VISIT HELPED ESTABLISH NEW "TECHNICAL
CHANNEL, FOR INFO EXCHANGES THAT COULD HELP VIETS
LOCATE MIA'S; NOTED LAST MONTH IN PARIS WAS FIRST TIME
VIETS HAD EVER OFFERED NAMES ABOUT WHICH NO SPECIFIC
QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY ASKED, AND ARGUED THIS WAS "SIGNI-

FICANT, INDICATION PROCESS WORKING (AP, SUN).

UPI (NYT) REPORTS HOLBROOKE TESTIFIED THAT SRV HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE SEND EXPERTS TO HAWAII JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER AND ITS LAB TO OBSERVE SOPHISTICATED US METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING MIA REMAINS; SAID HE WOULD LIKE VIETS UNDERSTAND „DEGREE OF OUR COMMITMENT" TO REACH MOST COMPLETE POSSIBLE MIA ACCOUNTING.

WOLFF PANEL AGREED GO INTO CLOSED SESSION LATER TO HEAR FORMER VIET LEGISLATOR NGUYEN CONG HOAN, WHO TOLD FRASER CMTE TUES HE HAD "HEARD NEWS" ABOUT SOME AMCITS LIVING IN VIET JAIL (UPI 7/27).

2. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

SENIOR RTG OFFICER (GEN SERM) TOLD REPORTERS THURS THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED CAMBODIAN TROOPS HAVE RETURNED FROM DISPUTED VILLAGE ON THAI-CAMBODIA BORDER HAMLET (BAN NOI PARAI) WHERE BLOODY CLASHES FLARED WITH THAI TROOPS LAST WEEK. SERM ADDED THAT BANGKOK WANTS SOLVE PROBLEM WITHOUT BLOODSHED AND HAS TRIED INTL DIPLO CHANNELS (REUTER BANGKOK).

VIET GUNBOAT SHELLED THAI FISHING FLEET IN GULF OF THAILAND SUNDAY, KILLING 12/UOUNDING 5, SURVIVORS SAID
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WEDNESDAY (UPI SANUT SANSON 7/27).

3. JAPAN

HONDA WILL IMPORT AUTOS FROM FORD'S FRG/UK SUBSIDIARIES FOR SALE IN JAPAN (AP, WSJ; WP; CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

MITI STUDYING WAYS IN WHICH JAPAN'S IMPORTS MFRD GOODS FROM INDUSTRIALIZED STATES CAN BE EXPANDED. MITI SPOKESMAN SAID SERIOUS SEARCH GOING ON BOTH IN/OUT OF JAPAN FOR SYSTEM WHICH COULD BE USED PROPERLY FACILITATE/PROMOTE IMPORTS (CULLISON, JOC).

4. JAPAN/KOREA

IN TOKYO 7/27, SECDEF BROWN CALLED ON FUKUDA, DEF/FONMIN OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN KOREAN W/DRAWAL AGREEMENT/REASSERT ADMIN'S INTENTION US REMAIN STRONG PAC POWER. SOURCES WHO ATTENDED SESSIONS SAID JAPANESE DEF MIN MIHARA "WEL-COMED" US-SK AGREEMENT ON MATTER, REACHED TUESDAY IN SEOUL. IN PUBLIC STATEMENT BEFORE LEAVING FOR US, BROWN SAID US-JAPAN ALLIANCE PLAYS CENTRAL ROLE IN PRESERVING

PEACE/STABILITY IN EA; US WILL "CONTINUE PLAYING" ACTIVE
ASIAN ROLE (CORDDRY, SUN; WEINRAUB, NYT; SAAR, WP; ANDREWS,
REUTER; ALL FROM TOKYO).

5. KOREA

ENDING SEOUL TALKS 7/27, SECDEF PREDICTED CONGRESS WILL
APPROVE 2-BIL-DOL PKG TO COVER US W/DRAWAL IN KOREA

(UPI, NYDN). ADDED US "NUCLEAR UMBRELLA" WILL CONTINUE
PROTECT SK, W/BULK US TROOPS MARKED FOR W/DRAWAL REMAINING
UNTIL END OF PULLOUT PERIOD (LAT'S JAMESON, 7/27).
REUTER'S ANDREWS REPORTS US-SK HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED
ON 250-MIL-DOLS WORTH ARMS TO BE LEFT BEHIND WHEN US
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TROOPS PULL OUT; US OFFICIAL SAYS AMT COULD GO UP/DOWN,
DEPENDING IN PART ON HOW MUCH CONGRESS APPROVES.

IN PUBLIC DISCUSSION BEFORE JUNIOR HOUSE MEMBERS ON
KOREAN SCANDAL, ATTY GEN BELL/ASST ATTY GEN CIVILETTI
SAID 7/27 CARTER WANTED REMOVE KOREAN "CLOUD" ON CONGRESS
AT "EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME." CIVILETTI CITED ABSENCE
TONGSUN PARK AS KEY DIFFICULTY IN AFFAIR, FACT DOJ HAS
BEEN UNABLE MAKE CASE AGAINST HIM (CLYMR, NYT; VOLZ,
NYDN). OFFICIALS DID SAY THEY HAVE MADE "ENORMOUS PROGRESS"
IN CASE/EXPECT BEGIN SEEKING INDICTMENTS SOON, BUT DECLINED
PROVIDE DETAILS/SAY HOW MANY CONGRESSMEN MIGHT BE INVOLVED
(MANN, SUN; CHARLES/BABCOCK, WP; REUTER 7/27).

6. SINGAPORE

SINCE OPENING 6/72, SINGAPORE'S CONTAINER TERMINAL HAS
CONTINUED GROW, W/VOLUME HANDLED INCREASING 52 PCT SINCE
'75 (LORENZ, JOC SINGAPORE).

7. PHILIPPINES

IN PALACE CEREMONY 7/27, MARCOS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE
TO UFW FOR EFFORTS TO UPLIFT LOT OF FIL WORKERS IN CALIF/
PRESENTED AWARD TO CESAR CHAVEZ (REUTER MANILA 7/27).

REUTER'S CABIE (PINILI) REPORTS PHIL TOBACCO FARMERS
MAY SOON BE ASKED RISK LIVELIHOOD/EXPERIMENT W/NEW COTTON
CROP THAT MIGHT MEAN MORE MONEY. GOVT-OWNED PHIL COTTON
CO SEEKING PROMOTE NEW CROP, WHICH IT BELIEVES WILL
BRING GREATER PROFITS/ELIMINATE DIFFICULTIES OF GROWING
TOBACCO IN PHILS.

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8. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT MIN NIXON DISAPPOINTED THAT CARTER AGREED TO CONTINENTAL AIRLINES OPERATING SERVICES BETW US-AUSTRALIA/SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING ASKING US REVIEW DECISION. NIXON FEELS OVERALL RESULT WILL BE EMPTY SEATS ON ALL MAIN CARRIERS ACROSS PACIFIC (REUTER CANBERRA).

REUTER'S WILLIAMS (CSM, PATONGA LODGE/WP, JABIRU) DOES 2 ITEMS ON URANIUM MINING IN AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK. ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS CONTINUE PLAGUE DEBATE OVER MINING

URANIUM, WHILE THOSE IN FAVOR CONSTANTLY POINT TO INCREASED EMPLOYMENT/OTHER ECON BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM COUNTRY'S VAST URANIUM RESOURCES.

ANZUS COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED 7/28, CALLS FOR CURBS ON NUKE WEAPONS THRU COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY/APEALS TO ALL COUNTRIES TO SIGN NPT. COUNCIL ALSO PROMISED MAINTAIN/POSSIBLY INCREASE AID TO DEVELOPING WORLD/HELP ACHIEVE FAIRER WORLD ECON ORDER. ADDED US-USSR MIL ESCALATION IN INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE AVOIDED, SAW REASONABLE PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED PEACE IN ASIA (REUTER WELLINGTON).

9. CHINA

CSM (PEKING) DISPATCH CITES WOODCOCK'S "OPTIMISTIC REPLY" TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL, WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE HOPED NORMALIZATION US-PRC RELS WILL BE ACHIEVED IN PRES CARTER'S TERM. ITEM SAYS WOODCOCK'S CAREER AS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT US LABOR UNION LEADERS "SEEMS TO BE CUTTING NO ICE" WITH CHINESE; "INDEED, CHINA APPEARED TO GO OUT OF ITS WAY RECENTLY TO LAUNCH A VEILED ATTACK ON HIS ROLE" AS UAW PRES.

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SHOWED SUCCESSFUL PRC HYDROGEN BOMB EXPLOSION. NOTES CHINESE AGENCY DID NOT SAY WHERE/WHEN TEST CONDUCTED, BUT BLAST APPARENTLY SET OFF AFTER HUA ASSUMED CHAIRMAN POST LAST OCT 7.

NCNA REPORTS LEADING PEKING PUBLICATIONS WEDNESDAY PAID TRIBUTE TO MARSHAL CHU TEH (REUTER HK 7/27).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

.0. KOREA

CHITRIB ASSERTS DOUBTS ABOUT US W/DRAWAL. ASKS IF PHASED PULLOUT GIVEN ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION, WHY CONFINE W/DRAWALS TO "TOKEN AMOUNTS" UNTIL "LAST POSSIBLE MINUTE?" ADDS IT'S ALREADY APPARENT US ALSO FAILED CONSULT JAPAN. URGES CARTER "RETHINK HIS DECISION" W/DRAW IN 5 YRS.

PHINQ BELIEVES ATTY GEN BELL USED POOR JUDGMENT BY BRIEFING 100 CONGRESSMEN ON STATUS DOJ'S INVESTIGATION KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING. STATES IF DOJ TO BE CREDIBLE, IT MUST PRESERVE INDEPENDENCE FROM CONGRESS. OBINES BELL CAN BEST ALLEVIATE CONCERN OVER INVESTIGATION'S PACE/DEPTH BY TURNING FULL ATTENTION "AWAY FROM CAPITOL HILL AND TO THE GRAND JURY ROOM."

11. INDOCHINA

CDN (7/25) STATES US, BY ALLOWING VN ENTER UN, "MORE THAN WIPE OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS" TO SRV. AGREES W/HAK'S ASSESSMENT ON POSTWAR AID THAT "WE OWE THEM NOTHING."

NYDN CITES "HORRIFYING STORIES"--WHICH CONTINUE LEAK
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FROM CAMBODIA--RE "APPALLING DESTRUCTION" HUMAN LIFE. ASKS HOW UN CAN WATCH THIS "SICKENING SPECTACLE IN NUMB SILENCE"; HOW CAN MANKIND SLEEP THROUGH THIS "CARNIVAL OF DEATH?"

12. CHINA

KRAFT (WP, SUN) SAYS INTERREGNUM IS OVER, TENG ADMIN HAS BEGUN--WITH OPENING PROVIDED FOR EASING RELS WITH US. SEES VANCE VISIT HOLDING "FAIR PROSPECT." CHINESE UNLIKELY DEMAND US ABANDON ALL TAIWAN CONNECTIONS BEFORE SEEKING ANY FURTHER COOPERATION WITH PEKING. SUGGESTS, ON CONTRARY, THERE IS HOPE VANCE CAN SET STAGE FOR FORWARD MOTION ON SINO-US RELS ON WIDE RANGE OF SECONDARY ISSUES: TRADE/CREDITS/CULTURAL EXCHANGE. THINKS PROGRESS ON THESE CAN MOVE STEADILY FORWARD OVER SEVERAL YEARS UNTIL US OPINION FINALLY PREPARED FOR EVENTUAL BREAK WITH ROC.

IN PEKING, REUTER'S ROGERS NOTES FIRST ANNIVERSARY TANGSHAN EARTHQUAKE PASSED ALMOST WIT;OUT NOTICE THURS; APART FROM "PD" SECOND-PAGE ARTICLE, THERE WAS

NOTHING TO REMIND CHINESE OF TRAGEDY. SAYS MOST
CHINESE KNOW LESS ABOUT INCIDENT THAN OUTSIDE WORLD.

IN BELGRADE, NYT'S BROWNE SAYS, DESPITE DENIALS BY BOTH
SIDES, SPEECHES/OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS FROM BOTH
TIRANA/PEKING HAVE IMPLIED CHILL IN RELS SINCE HUA
REPLACED MAO. VANCE

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